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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce
JOHN W. BAKER

As an Independent Republican
candidate for Sheriff of Rockcastle
county to be voted for at November
election, 1897.

The American flag is flying over
Clipperton island, to which
Great Britain has recently laid
claim.

ATTORNEY General Taylor holds
that the Kentucky Populists need
not petition to get on the ballot
this fall, as their vote for Congress-
men was more than two per cent.
of the vote last fall, but that the
National Democrats will have to
petition.

Brodhead Fair.

The Brodhead Fair wound up in
a blaze of glory last Friday when
some 1,700 people witnessed the
splendid program well carried out.
The attendance, as usual with fairs,
for the first two days was not large
but all who come seemed to enjoy
the show. Adjoining counties
sent good delegations and fine
stock. Among them we noticed
Col. Durrett Tribble of Madison
county. The Floral Hall contained
a wide, varied and beautiful dis-
play of woman's handiwork. This
hall also contained displays of ag-
ricultural products.

The pantry display was credit-
able. Fruits, farm and garden,
melons showed up well.

In the ring for little girls from
four to six years old, with our es-
teemed friend, E. C. Walton, as
one of the judges, much interest
was taken. Little Lila Boyd, of
Atlanta, took the blue and Mattie
Lee Wilmott, Brodhead, the red
ribbons. Among the riders in the
ladies ring appeared half dozen
pretty girls who competed for the
premium for the most graceful lady
rider. Miss Rosa Gentry, of this
place, was awarded the blue. Miss
Gentry received a premium last
year in a similar ring.

The bicycle races were good and
greatly enjoyed by the admirers of
the silent steed. In one of the
races, a horse belonging to Dink
Farmer, of Lincoln, ran away after
a preliminary heat and made things
lively by going around the ring
ten or more times. Everything
and everybody had to clear the
track. After making a new start
of it this horse came out second
best.

As is the case at nearly all fairs
of any consequence the "pointer"
machine was on hand to get a few
nickels. One of our old friends
who owns a big farm, and yet feels
unable to take his county paper,
played one of these machines un-
til he had blown in over a hundred
free silver dollars. He stopped at
that, begged, coaxed, plead and
threatened the man in charge un-
til he recovered the most of it. He
may invest a dollar of it in the
SIGNAL and keep better posted in
the future.

The best of order prevailed
throughout the three days exhibi-
tion.

The Brodhead band furnished
the delightful music.

The officers and managers are to
be congratulated on the success of
their second venture to give Rock-
castle a first-class fair and we sec-
ond the motion of the Interior
Journal to have them continue in
the positions they now occupy on

the board of directors, etc. Brod-
head simply did herself proud in
way of entertainment. The hotels
had a fine run of custom and the
guests were well looked after and
cared for. F. Francisco at Hotel
Frith hardly slept for three days
and nights, Albright Hotel was
also crowded.

Anderson Carr and his minstrel
troupe attracted large crowds at all
times on fair grounds.

We are under obligations to the
Directors for favors extended. We
also remember Harvey Dunn.

Judge Champ Mullins and wife
of Livingston, were present.

Tony Brooks, O. W. Turpin, and
wife, of Hazel patch, were there.
Alfred Owens, of East Bernstadt,
was not far away.

J. M. Cress, of Sweeny, called
the second day.

Dr. G. H. Albright, of Barbour-
ville, was on hands advertising his
fair which takes place on
1, 2 and 3rd. of September.
He afterward left for Mt. Vernon.

J. B. Hays, J. E. Griffin and oth-
ers of Wildie; J. L. Brooks, B. C.
Richardson and others Conway
friends were at the fair.

Mt. Vernon sent 150 down on
the local freight Friday and many
by private conveyance and horse-
back.

About 50 lingered too long on
the grounds Friday and missed the
local freight and had to wait for the
night train.

A blockade runner was arrested
on the grounds by U. S. Marshal.
No other arrests as everything
moved along smoothly.

N. M. Shumate had charge of
the stables.

Judge Morrow was represented
by his W. B. who also visited Mt.
Vernon.

Judge Denton, of Somerset, was
among the visitors.

Hamp Reynolds, who took the
premium last year in the ugly man's
ring, was distanced this time by
Sol Northern. You can set it
down that he is no beauty.

POSSUM HOLLER.

Everybody is sick or complaining
in this fair land of ours. J. N.
Brown, W. H. Brown, Sr., Joe
Brown and quite a number more
are and have been on the sick list.

Dr. T. J. Price is having quite
an extensive practice and good
success. He hails from the Eclect-
ic School of medicine. I suppose
those fellows get their 1st lessons
in medicine from the Eclectic Splen-
der, while those of the Homeopath-
ic are trained from the Blue-back
and the Alapath go through with-
out either. Well each is far ahead
of the other two in curative powers
if you will take what they say as
evidence, and who knows better
than they? I am sure I don't, for
when I get sick I send for both,
both sorts and take all their medi-
cations and alwase git well and uv
course tha coure me and i giv them
ekel praze and never hav enny
trouble except in gitten uv the
money to pay the bills. Now sum
men don't bieve in doctors but i
do for we reed uv them in the
Skripture where the woe was pro-
nounced on him along side uv
the lawyers, scribes and hypocrites
and other big fellers.

The rain continues to be poured
out on "the just and unjust" alike
and our corn and weeds is jest a
gitten thar.
Bro. Gregg ses that even a way-
faren man or a phool can see and
feel the effects uv renude prosperity
It ma be that, that class can but
i herd sum sensible, well-informed
citizens sa that tha don't dezurn
enny difference betwixt now and
then. I also herd sum uv Possum
Hollers britest polly tishuns wish-
ing yesterday that the Legislater
wood rush up 'the tariph law, so i
can't see that it makes much differ-
ence with sum men whether we
have a big tariff or a little one or
none at ail as most uv us make
what we live on and live on what
we make, whether we make much
or little; or little or much. Sum
men don't lern fast tho' and can't
dezurn between nice pints.

The credit system and the mort-

gage sistem—the one father of toth-
er—is a great big pull-back to most
uv us. Now in order to correct
some uv these irregularities i am
a candidate for the office uv 'Squire
and will be elected too, if i get
votes enough, and in order to do
this i must ask wives to electioneer
with their husbands and young
ladies with their sweethearts. Tell
them ladies that i will certainly
look after the best interests uv the
county, oppose high salaries in
county officials and all other im-
proper or unjust claims. Voters,
ask yourselves the question: Can
not some improvement be made
and a great saving effected? I
have several opponents whom I
will ask, if elected, what course
will you pursue? Ladies, talk for
and gentlemen vote for me and
elect Buck Varnon.

The following dispatch from
Frankfort to the Louisville Times
recalls a shocking tragedy that oc-
curred near Buckeye, this county,
when guard George (Pomp) Ball
was killed by a convict who was in
a gang of twelve. He was taken
from the depot here to work on
grading of the K. C. Railroad.
Four convicts escaped while the
rest went to camp and reported the
facts and were shortly pardoned by
the Governor on the recommendation
of Captain Craig the inspector at
that time. Smith with Johnson
and the others were re-captured
and we believe Johnson and Smith
got life sentences from the Rock-
castle court—the records ought to
show whether Johnson is guilty.
We are under the impression that
Gov. Bradley was present during
the trial of these men:

"Henry Smith, a negro convict
confined here, has written a letter
to Capt. Hyde, his Sunday School
teacher, in which he confesses that
he and not Morgan Johnson killed
Guard Pomp Ball in 1891. In his
letter he, in substance says: 'I
want to make a statement about
Morgan Johnson. He is confined
for a crime he did not commit. It
is for the murder of Pomp Ball. I,
Henry Smith and others made up a
plot to kill Ball, and Morgan John-
son knew nothing of it, and has
already suffered too much for our
wrong, falsehoods and wickedness.
On May 20, 1891, Pomp Ball was
taking some men to the railroad
camp, when I, Henry Smith, Bob
Ray, Bale Patterson and Landess
Griggs made up a plot to kill him
(Guard Ball), and Morgan John-
son knew nothing of the crime
and was in another car at the time.
After making up the plot we decid-
ed to lay it on Johnson, who was
convicted and given a life sentence
I, Henry Smith, am alone to blame
for Pomp Ball's death. Morgan
Johnson is unjustly confined. He
has no money or friends or any
way to put the facts before you.
I pray that you do something for
poor Morgan. He needs mercy. I
am at your service for further facts.'
The Governor will at once inves-
tigate the truth of Smith's story.

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